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December 21 is our club's annual Holiday Party at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hill . This will be a really festive night of great Club fellowship. I have been to a number of our holiday parties, and they are always a ball. I sure hope to see you all there!

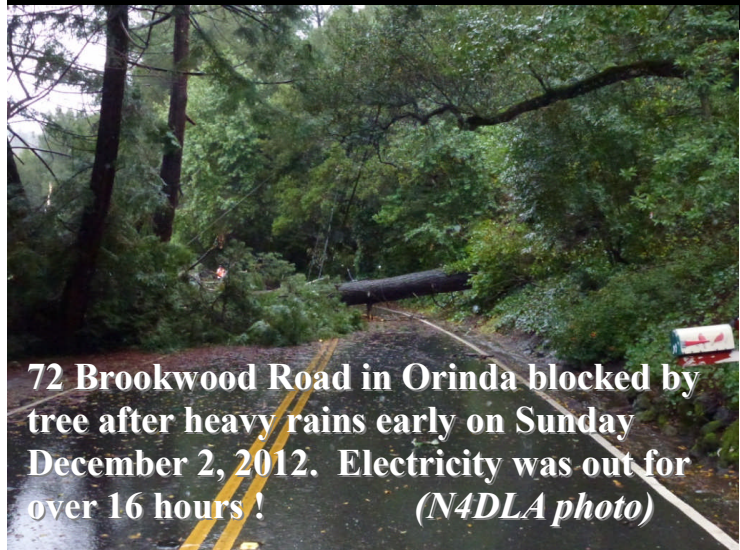
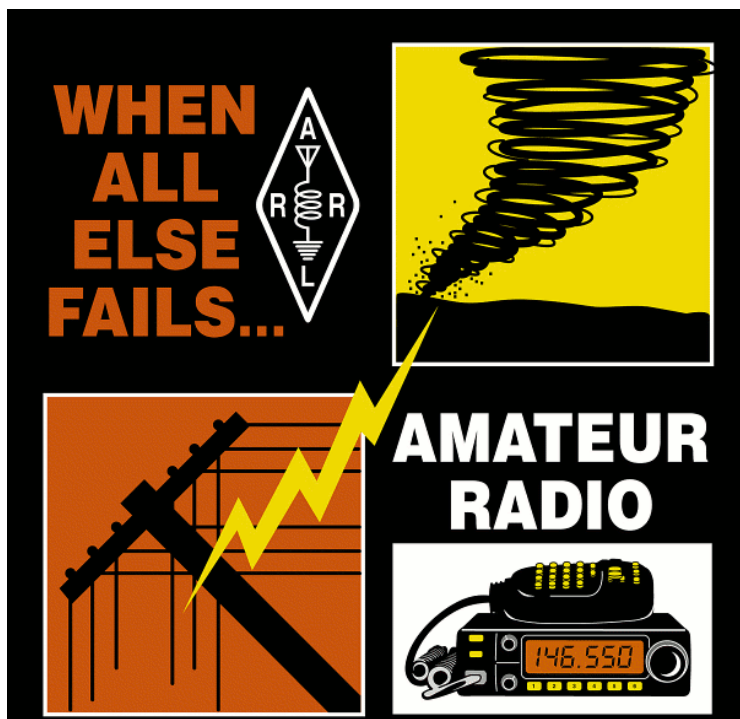


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**Jim
Siemons,
AF6PU
President**

Important Note about Membership Renewals

With the approaching holidays and 2013, it's time to renew your membership in MDARC. Renewal notices should be in the mail early December. I know this is a bad time for another bill to be paid, but if you take care of it right away you won't have to think about it later. So please, when you see a letter from MDARC Renewals, please open it, mark any corrections, and mail back with a check in the enclosed SASE. The club directory has been delayed the last several years to try and include most renewals. If everyone gets their renewal in by January, then we'll try to get a directory out sooner.
73, Tom Deeble – KA6SIP, Membership Chairman



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mdarc>

Board Meeting minutes December 3, 2012

Presided over by Jim Siemons, AF6PU, President

The meeting was held at the Black Bear restaurant and was called to order at 7:03 PM

Attendees -	Jay Caldis	Tom Kramer	Trevor Hall
	John Primus	Janice Fuji	Bill Swindell
	Misa Siemons	John Welden	Tom Deeble
	Ray Gaschk	Steve Rogge	

There was a motion that was seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the November meeting.

Vice President John Welden reported that he was working on the meeting presentation schedule for next year and asked that everyone contribute suggestions.

Misa Siemons gave the treasurer's report noting that the total of all accounts was \$27,475.27. There followed a motion, a second and an approval for accepting her report. She announced that she now has a portable scanner to be used for on-site transactions.

There was a discussion about the cost of the two club telephone numbers. The total cost for them is \$143/month. There was a motion to reduce costs by cancelling one of them. There followed a second and an approval.

There was a question about the quantity of e-mails received at the clubs in-box. The secretary, whose task it is to handle them, reported an average of nine (9) per month over the last three years.

There was a discussion about the club website and the validity of the information contained there.

John Primus reported that there would be a technician class license course at SATERN beginning January 24th and concluding on March 7th with testing to be given on March 15th. A general license class is anticipated in the spring but is not scheduled yet.

Trevor Hall reported no tech committee meeting last month due to lack of attendance. The club repeaters have been performing well and he reported on auto patch usage.

Tom Kramer, our EC, said that there was a RACES training class last Saturday and it covered digital communications. He is resigning from the CARES group as of the 31st of the month. He reported that there was no ARES news this month.

Bill Swindell spoke briefly about the yearly auction saying that plans are in order for that event.

Awards chair, Tom Kramer, said that he has nominees.

President and Pacificon chair this year, Jim, announced that Pacificon, 2012 is contributing an estimated \$19,000 to the club. There was a brief break for comments on this subject.

Parking at this year's holiday party will be restricted. Attendees are advised to arrive early.

A copy of the preliminary 2013 budget was passed around and discussed.

Our club programs and activities were discussed and estimates of the good that was done for amateur radio in general were made.

John Primus spoke again saying that we need to take up the slack when other clubs have prospective hams and they don't have the capabilities to train or test them.

At 8:49 pm there a motion, second and approval to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Richard Fletcher, AF9RF, Secretary



The Ham Radio Licensing Course is Forming Now!



WHO: The Salvation Army together with the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club will be holding a 7-week course where you can learn everything you need to earn your Technician Class (entry level) FCC Amateur Radio License.

WHAT: The Technician Class license is your entry to the worldwide excitement of Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications, *and you do NOT need to learn Morse Code!* The class is FREE but there is a \$5 materials fee for handouts and the (required) textbook is less than \$30.

WHERE: The Salvation Army Fireside Room
3950 Clayton Road, (at West St.) Concord 94521

WHEN: Course will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm on:

Week-1	January 24, 2013	Week-5	February 21, 2013
Week-2	January 30, 2013	Week-6	February 28, 2013
Week-3	February 7, 2013	Week-7	March 7, 2013
Week-4	February 14, 2013	Testing**:	March 15, 2013

REGISTRATION: *Registration is required.*

To sign up send an email to: HamRadioClass@gmail.com
For voice mail or fax: 925 465-9554

MDARC TESTING: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

****The MDARC Volunteer Examiners hold exam sessions prior to each club meeting.**
Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Testing sessions begin at 6:00 PM. Please arrive no later than 7:00 PM to be seated for your exam. We offer full testing on all elements (code and theory). There is a fee for taking an element but once you pay for a session, you may take as many different elements as you would like.

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FIRST CLASS

W6CX Nets

Monday 7:00 pm Washington High School Net 147.060+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm General ATV Net 1241.250+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

FM 147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz - EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057
224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

D-STAR 145.000 offset plus 2.5 MHz

<http://www.dstarusers.org/viewrepeater.php?system=W6CX>

ATV Input: 1289.25 MHz AM/FM. Outputs 1241.25 MHz AM 919.25 MHz AM

ATV Internet Stream: <http://www.w6cxatv.net/live>

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets

Every Thursday

<http://www.coco-races.org/meetings/nets/>

6:35 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 146.355+ (77.0 PL)

7:20 pm Countywide 145.490-- (107.3 PL)

December 2012 and January 2013 Club Calendar

Friday December 21, 2012	6:30pm	MDARC Holiday Dinner Zio Fraedo's restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill
Saturday January 5, 2013	9:00 am	MDARC Technical Committee Environmental Center, 2581 Harbor Street, Pittsburg
Monday January 7, 2013	7:00 pm	MDARC Board Meeting Buttercup Bar & Grill 660 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek
Friday January 18, 2013	7:30 pm	MDARC General Meeting Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette